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SUB: BALAGUER LAUDS FREE PRESS, SUPPORTS RIGHT OF DISSENT

1. PRESIDENT BALAGUER LAUDED FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IN DR AND EXPRESSED COMMITMENT TO RIGHT OF DISSENT IN CAMPAIGN SPEECH DELIVERED AT POLITICAL RALLY, APRIL 5. CHARACTERIZING DOMINICAN PRESS AS "FREEST OF THE ENTIRE CONTINENT," HE STATED THAT DOMINICANS RECEIVE INFORMATION WITHOUT INTERFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT.

2. BALAGUER CALLED RIGHT OF DISSENT "THE GREATEST OF HUMAN VALUES AND THE GREATEST CONQUEST BY WHICH CIVILIZED MAN MAY PRIDE HIMSELF." TODAY, PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED, "EACH DOMINICAN IS A FREE CITIZEN, EACH DOMINICAN HAS THE RIGHT OF DISSENT FROM THE OPINIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND FROM THE IDEAS OF OTHERS." AS PROOF OF DEDICATION TO THIS RIGHT, BALAGUER POINTED TO HIS RECENT MEETING WITH GROUP OF TEACHERS WHO PROTESTED CERTAIN ACTIONS OF SECRETARY OF EDUCATION.

3. BALAGUER ALSO EMPHASIZED HIS PARTY'S DEDICATION TO PEACE, SAYING ALL OTHER RIGHTS WERE DEPENDENT ON PEACE, BUT ADDING THAT PEACE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY LIBERTY.

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4. COMMENT: PRESIDENT BALAGUER HAS FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES. HIS STRONG ADVOCACY SPECIFICALLY OF RIGHT OF DISSENT IS SIGNIFICANT NEW ELEMENT WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO ENHANCED ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR CONTENDING VIEWS IN ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN.
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